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Holiday Season Ends As The New Year Gets Underway

The Christmas season of 1956 was one for the books. Old Santa Claus and his helpers out-did themselves this year. Bicycles, tricycles, and skates; sweaters, skirts and blouses; mittens, gloves and scarves; car coats, toppers and cowboy suits; sport shirts, leather jackets and suede jackets; overcoats, boots and shoes; bows and arrows and basketballs; bride dolls, baby dolls, and tear dolls; watches, cameras, bracelets, and necklaces, and many other gifts made up the receipts at Barium Springs. There were good things to eat all during the holidays—nuts and fruit and candy, with home-made cakes and Christmas ice cream. There was some extra money to spend and some time off from books and work, and all of it together made a wonderful holiday season.

Of course, in the heart of it all and back of it all was the true meaning of Christmas as was revealed in the services of the church in the youth Fellowship and in the chapel programs of the school. The big family had joined others in the giving and the Christmas gift from the Barium family, given to the big red stocking on family night as the tree was decorated, amounted to $121.40 and was sent to the Crippled Children of the Shriners' Hospital in Greenville, S. C.

The housemothers and the children have been writing thank-you notes by the barrel. It is difficult to get replies to all who sent gifts, and it would be helpful if persons who have any inquiry about a Christmas package would send a note to the office for clarification. Because of a grand and wonderful Christmas, the new year 1957 looms bright with prospects of growth and happiness for the big family.

February Birthdays

Libby Gregory	2-24-48
Sue Bush	2-28-45
Joyce Ann Hughes	2-10-46
Ronald Brown	2- 8-45
Mike Roderick	2-23-47
Mitchell Brumley	2- 9-49
Peggy Sellers	2- 6-40
Charles McLean	2-13-43
Richard Ward	2-13-43
Harold Evans	2-25-40
Donnie Harrison	2-12-41
Lawton Rice	2-18-39
Gene Taylor	2-12-44

NEWS FROM THE COTTAGES

The Bee Tree

Hello!

Christmas was here and is gone! We were all so excited we could hardly wait to get into our playroom on Christmas morning. You should have seen it! It was full of beautiful toys, lovely clothes, delicious things to eat, and more things than we can name. Every girl's place was so full that the next fellow had to push over.

We left some candy and a note for Santa Claus. He ate the candy and left us a note in return.

School is ready to start and that makes us happy too. We are trying our very best at home and at school to do all of the things we ought to do. One of our most interesting Christmas presents was a "Mitten" tree made by the Primary Department of the Second Presbyterian Church in Mooresville. On it there were hanging nice warm pairs of woolen gloves, all colors, for each girl in our cottage.

We love our name "The Bee Tree." Last summer when there was much talk of the old Annie Louise Cottage coming down, all of us asked where we would go until our new cottage had been built. Our superintendent said, "Oh, we'll just have to find you a hollow bee tree somewhere." So, here we are upstairs in the Baby Cottage, but he calls us "The Bee Tree." There is lots of honey up here, and we also have the other kind of bees which we have to kill occasionally.

(Excerpts from the girls' Christmas letters)

Howard Cottage

Well, it's the Bean Stringers again, stuffed with all the good things of Christmas. A lot sure has happened since last Monday which was Christmas Eve. Mr. Stowe came that afternoon with all his nice gifts, and who else but Fred Kirby! Some of the girls got his autograph. That night we went back to the Gym for films. We enjoyed them so much. We went to bed early that night, and bright and early the next morning a group of sleepy-eyed children headed for church. After the service in the church, we went to breakfast. As soon as breakfast was over, the ones who did not have to work ran home as fast as their little legs would carry them to see if Santa had come. The ones who worked finished up as fast as possible and opened their gifts. Later on in the morning we went visiting to see what the others had gotten.

Miss Taylor and Mrs. Pope gave the dining room and dish-hall girls a party. We could invite a boy to go with us. Mr. Henderson was in charge of the recreation.

We had a visitor during Christmas week. Diane Mobley and her sisters, Nancy and Pat, came to visit and Diane stayed at Howard with us. Nancy and Pat stayed at Sanford Cottage.

Wishing all of you a very happy New Year,

The Bean Stringers

Infirmary

Dear Friends:

Since the Christmas rush is over, maybe we can all settle down to everyday life once more. There has been so much excitement going on this week that everybody's head is going around in a spin trying to take part in it all. On top of all we have to do in the afternoons, Miss Hoots up and takes all the junior girls to the movies to see "Written on the Wind." It was a wonderful movie and I know we will all go back to see it the next chance we get. Thanks, Miss Hoots! Well, soon all the loafing will be over and it will be strictly books again. So, until then,

The Infirmary Girls
Peg and Sue

Walker Second Floor

Hello Everybody:

We are back again with our news. We all had a good time Christmas. Santa Claus was very good to all of us. Everybody had been looking forward to Santa Claus coming. All of the boys on the Lottie Walker second floor want to wish everybody a happy new year.

Today is Gordon Brown's birthday. We have two other birthdays in January—Tommy Bush and Larry Wilkins.

Well, I guess this about winds up our news for this month.

Ronald Brown and the
the Boys of Lottie
Walker Second Floor.

Lottie Walker Girls

Hi, Folks—

We are back again with our news. It has been a long time since you have heard from us.

We waited a long time for Christmas to come and now it has come and gone before we know it. But, Santa was very good to every one of us. We

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ALUMNI NEWS

Clara Mangum's husband, W. C. Ausdenmore, completed his training at Lackland Air Force Base and became a 2nd Lieutenant on the twenty-first of December. We congratulate him upon his graduation.

Born, to Ralph and Bobby Marlowe Spencer, on November 24th, a son, John Marlowe. The Spencers live in Monticello, Arkansas, where they are connected with the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home.

Edna Baucom spent her Thanksgiving holidays at Barium Springs.

Jimmy Harwell who is stationed at Fort Jackson and Charles Creech from Fort Bragg spent the week-end at Barium.

Born, to Anne White and Denvered Hodges, on November 30th, at the Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville, a daughter.

Mary Parks Allen Helms has been in the Mercy Hospital in Charlotte for some time following an automobile accident.

Myrtle Mills Kiker is the newly elected president of the Women of the Church of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Mrs. Frank Helms who was Juanita Langley came with her husband and a group of women from the First Presbyterian Church in Monroe to visit Barium.

Melvin Cannon is now in the Navy, having joined this branch of the Service several weeks ago. He is a member of the Navy Choir at Great Lakes, Illinois, where he is stationed.

The engagement of Johnsie Terry to Joe Ben Gibson of Route 2, Statesville, has been announced by Johnsie's mother, Mrs. Katie Mills Terry of Statesville, N. C. The date of the wedding has not been set.

Jack W. McKay of Birmingham, Alabama, has been elected vice-president secretary and head of the Sales Department of the U S A. Bill McKay lives at Tampa, Florida. He lost his eldest son, Bill, Junior, in May of this year.

Pless Norman was a visitor on the campus. He and his family are living at Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Pleas is working with the Westinghouse Credit Company and is Director of Music at Commonwealth Presbyterian Church, Neptune, Florida.

Ray Norman is with the Western Electric Corporation and is living at 313 Lakeside Drive, Greensboro.

HONOR ROLL

Period Ending Nov. 21, 1956

First Grade: Jerry Florence, Wayne Taylor, Nancy Finley, Linda Roberts.

Second Grade: Charles Hyde, Gregory Lockamy, Bobby Neill, Marie Ross.

Third Grade: Tommy Bush, James Dennis, James Hoover, Belle Calhoun, Patsy Mace, Emily Sue McClure.

Fourth Grade: Gordon Brown, Bobby Grier, Michael Roderick, Larry Wilkins, Lou Anna Bridgers, Karen Crews, Linda Sue Medlin, Judy Pinkston, Elsie Rannells.

Fifth Grade: Billy Finley, Steve Florence, Larry Ruff, Lois Allen, Eloise Barefoot, Shirley Farris, Joyce Hughes.

Sixth Grade: Suzie Blackburn, Linda Florence, Sam Florence, Mike Heritage, Bill Rannels, Mike Morgan.

Seventh Grade: Charles Donaldson, Douglas Finley, Eddie Kyles, Gene Taylor, Shirley Ann Faulk, Ellen Neill, Betty Lou Rutledge.

Eighth Grade: Faye Hicks, Marcia Lewis, Sue Moore, Judy Mosley.

Eleventh Grade: Tom Finley, Shelby McEwen, Peggy Sellers, Janet Woodall.

Twelfth Grade: Mac McClure, Lawton Rice, Oscar Utsman, Nancy Kyles.

Joyce Ann Kelly, Student Nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital, was a visitor on the campus.

Delores Ramsey and Bobbie McMannen were visitors on the campus during Christmas.

Charles Creech and Clayton Miller spent a few days at Barium during the holidays.

The following children were baptized on December 9th, 1956, in Little Joe's Presbyterian Church.

Cynthia Diane Gibbs, born August 14, 1956, daughter of Joe Ben and Marjorie Compton Gibbs.

Vicki Lynne Hall, born May 3, 1956, daughter of Charles Terrell and Joyce Morrow Hall.

Jane Elizabeth Sigmon, born September 22, 1956, daughter of Arthur and Marjorie Sherrill Sigmon.

Shirley Johnson was married to Roland Lucas in Dillon, S. C. September 15th. Roland is in the Army and he and Shirley are living in Erwin, N. C.

UNDER THE STEEPLE - Nuggets of News

FROM LITTLE JOE'S CHURCH

REV. ROBERT R. COLLINS, *Minister*

There is something exciting about moving forward into a new year. While there are many things in the year past which will be remembered and cherished we do not cling to what is now gone. As Christians we have a sense of eager anticipation concerning the future. Each new day we enter with confidence recalling the words of the Psalmist; "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." (Psalm 118:-24) It is our assurance that our lives are in the hands of a loving heavenly Father and in dependence upon Him we have no cause for anxiety.

But there is more than a feeling of confidence and security in our hearts as the new year moves in upon us. In the spirit of Christ's last words to His disciples, "Go ye therefore . . ." we enter 1957 with a sense of divine commission. Under The Steeple we have a keen awareness that God's blessings are not just to be received, but most assuredly to be shared. It was this sense of outreach that caused our congregation to assume partial support of one of our church's missionaries for the first time. As a community of believers we want to share our faith with others and this is one avenue for witnessing that we will travel this year.

So the coming days are ones rich in promise and hope because of a faith believed and a faith shared. And much that we feel about the year ahead is summed up in the poem below. It is our hope that it will bring us all to a better understanding of the opportunities before us under the leadership of God's Spirit.

WHAT IS THIS COMING YEAR?
It is a door
By which we reach new fields
Of service for our God and fellow man:
A door by which we can
Explore
Wide spheres of usefulness
Our world to bless;
And reap the sheaves of God's Word of witness yields.
It is a task
Set by the Master of our souls,
A little part of our life's work below:
And so we ask
The holy wisdom, which alone controls
Our labor, teaching what and where to sow:
The year, at its end,
May show God's glory and man's profit blend.
It is a book,
With many pages and as yet all white,
On which to write
The history of thought, and deed, and word
In this new group of days.
We pray Thee, Lord,
As Thou shalt look
Upon the book, when written o'er, may all be to Thy praise.
—William Olney

RECEIPTS FOR NOVEMBER, 1956

Presbytery	Church	S. S.	Women	Total
ALBEMARLE				
Regular	693.09	50.00	29.00	772.09
Thanksgiving	15.00	181.11	32.00	228.11
CONCORD				
Regular	602.42	,225.20	60.00	887.62
Thanksgiving	198.95	169.08	25.65	393.68
FAYETTEVILLE				
Regular	272.17	495.52	84.87	852.56
Thanksgiving	244.80	228.38	30.00	503.18
GRANVILLE				
Regular	706.00	95.54	232.00	1033.54
Thanksgiving	179.91	329.95	17.30	527.16
KINGS MOUNTAIN				
Regular	914.08	798.40	252.78	1965.26
Thanksgiving	717.91	91.00	5.10	814.01
MECKLENBURG				
Regular	1266.53	658.91	152.18	2077.62
Thanksgiving	1322.12	288.00	410.81	2020.93
ORANGE				
Regular	1110.53	104.80	15.00	1230.33
Thanksgiving	190.20	346.27	252.96	789.43
WILMINGTON				
Regular	856.90	142.52	97.12	1096.54
Thanksgiving	404.86	248.69	233.22	886.77
WINSTON-SALEM				
Regular	450.64		29.20	479.84
Thanksgiving	60.75	31.43	17.94	110.12

MY LIFE AT BARIUM

MELVIN MCKENZIE

What is a home? When people are asked this question, no doubt they think of a cozy little house with a happy family. At least, this would be the first inclination.

A home is an institution and a very important one. The father, mother, the children, and sometimes one or more grandparents, make up the home.

We depend on the home to perform many important functions. We usually think first of supplying the necessities of life—food, clothing, and shelter. The father is expected to earn the money while the mother takes care of the children and makes the home comfortable.

It is important also that we be taught many things in the home, including work, and along with work comes responsibility. At first a child receives a small share of responsibility, but as he grows and matures he can be held responsible for a larger and more important share of work.

Then, a home is a place to be loved. A person in a home is important. He feels this because someone cares for him. The love of a father and mother for the child in the home sets this child on the road to maturity.

Manners, too, are important and the home should be the place for you to be taught how to act decently at your own home dinner table, or in school, or in any situation.

Of course, discipline must be maintained in the home. Sometimes this involves punishment. We expect punishment when we do wrong. Discipline is essential for the progress of the individual. We must learn to take care of ourselves and to consider others.

At Barium Springs it is the purpose of our home to do all these things for two hundred children. Two hundred in a family is what you might call, "The Large Economy Size." Certainly, it is a large family in anybody's book. As for me, I have been at Barium four short years. No one can say that I have not appreciated it. Of course, there have been rough spots—no home is really peaches and pie all the time. But, at Barium, I soon became accustomed to the routine and I have learned to get along with other boys and girls.

I like football and Barium offered my first chance at really playing it. Like everyone else, I started off with the midget team. Now I am on the varsity.

Being inquisitive and curious kept me from being afraid to come to Barium. In fact, I was eager to see Barium. My brother was ten years old and I was twelve when we walked into the main office that first day to meet Mr. McClure and Miss Carpenter again. A new steam line was being laid, and the campus was marred by ditches and great piles of red dirt because of this. But I wanted to see what kind of children lived here, and I went to school to find out. For some reason the children thought I would be a tall, brawny boy. They somehow thought "McKenzie" sounded like a name of somebody big. Well, when I walked into that schoolroom they had a surprise. I could just about walk under the pencil sharpener. After school was over, I gathered my bags from the infirmary and took them over to Jenny Gilmer Cottage. And so passed my first day.

In a football game you have a quarterback who calls the plays. The way he mixes and shuffles the plays has a lot to do with how successful the team is. Someone was now calling the plays for me and really varied them. Since I am from Raleigh and had lived in a city all my life before coming to Barium, I knew practically nothing about country life. But that did not keep me from being interested in the dairy. When I was assigned to work there, I had never seen a cow milked or even been in a dairy barn! I could not even pick up a straw bale, though I was soon strong enough to do so. I began as dipbucket carrier and progressed after a year to a milker. In our spare time we boys played horse shoes at the barn and we would play in the Bale Barn, which was not too good because we sometimes tore up bales of hay.

The next play called for me was the orchard. I worked there exactly one day, and because the carpenter shop needed another boy I went to work for them for one month. Then I started on what was to become my first steady job since the dairy and one I considered the least interesting. I will admit that housework never appealed to me—sink cleaning was bad enough, but waxing floors and washing windows were the worst. I worked at it for a year, and I know now that it does no one any harm to learn housecleaning.

Then, there was a stint of seventeen months of KP! I was the little big boy of the kitchen. Although it was somewhat like housework, the name of it was different. It was "Kitchen Boy" instead of "House Boy." The work on the Kitchen consisted of scrubbing porches, steps, and pots and pans, and cleaning pantries, cabinets and tables with a little loafing thrown in now and then. It was also my job to put the milk on all the tables just before each meal. "Where there is a kitchen, there is food" is my motto. I gained approximately twenty-five pounds in less than a year.

Now, for the past few weeks I have been working in the Print Shop where we put out the Barium Messenger. I have quite a variety of jobs, and here is how I would sum them up: from a dairy farmer to an orchard worker; from a carpenter to a house cat (as we call them); from a chef to a printer's devil.

I hope that this little personal account will give you an idea of what this Home at Barium is doing for all the boys and girls who live here. Someone has called it a "substitute" home—for me it has been a good substitute. Now that I am a junior in school I have not much longer to stay here. To live you have to make progress, and going out into the world is making progress, but leaving Barium will not be easy, because I will be leaving home.

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DENTAL SUMMARY FOR JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 1956

Students involved	141
Appointments	369
Surfaces restored amalgam (Permanent)	325
Surfaces restored Deciduous amalgam	83
Surfaces restored silicate cement	36
Total surfaces restored	444
Prophylaxis	104
Radiographs	184
Extractions Deciduous	17
*Extractions Permanent	15
Gold Inlays	3
Space maintainers or minor appliances	6
Appliance repairs or alterations	5
Root canal fillings	4
Pulpotomy	1
Study models	1
Orthodontic cases started (Dr. H. V. Davenport)	11

*All but two of these extractions were for Orthodontic purposes.

COTTAGE NEWS

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have been writing "thank you" letters now.

Since the dining-room and dish-hall girls worked after every meal during the holidays, Miss Taylor let about five girls off at a time, with five other girls taking their places. The five girls who were off could stay in bed as long as they wanted to and did not have to go to the dining-room. Our housemother let us fix our own breakfast when we wanted to. Several times the toast was burned black. One time it was Shirley Faulk and the other time it was Sue Moore.

Linda Utsman, one of our girls, has been so jumpy since Christmas because of a big, lovely bride doll which Santa brought her—or at least we think that is it—we hope it is not her "brain." Margaret Ramsey and Linda Bridgers both got a cooking set for Christmas and can hardly wait to bake a cake. Linda Florence and Marsha Ivey are the only ones from our cottages who have been sick in the infirmary so far . . Janet Woodall has been supervising in the dish-hall in Addie McEwen's place since Addie is a senior and was away on the Christmas week-end. Peggy Jo Utsman, Patsy Mace, Mary Blalock, and Linda Ivey, some of our smaller girls in the cottage, have been playing with their Christmas toys and all are proud of them. Bernice Kuykendall, our only senior, is on her Christmas week-end.

Our housemother got a record player for Christmas.

The Lottie Walker Girls

Quad News

"Strong legs run that weak legs may walk." Anyone who has been to the annual Shrine Bowl in Charlotte knows that slogan. The Quad boys do, for we have seen many a Shriner's classic. It was, as always, a lot of fun. In case you don't know who won, North Carolina beat South Carolina.

Basketball practice was in progress by that time. We played three games before Christmas. Christmas was right around the corner. We were writing Christmas letters before we knew it. Along with Christmas, different things were happening, like the Christmas program given by the Third Grade. Charles Ward, a Quad boy, was asked to sing "The Christmas Song." He has a very fine voice and that is an understatement.

"'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse." Morning came faster than usual because at 6:30 on Christmas Day we went to church, which was succeeded by a simple breakfast. The bell was tapped to leave the dining-room. Immediately the dining-room was transformed into a cheerful stream of darting minnows. Finally, came present-giving-out time. Everyone from the cradle to almost the grave was excited. Every boy here had a merry Christmas for sure. We boys hope you did also

Pine needles and cones brighter with snow spray; golden, silver and vivid red tin foil; bright red and white and green candles sparkling with glitter; the traditional tree clothed in a garment of angel hair, buttons of every hue and color of Christmas lights to make the silvery tinsel glisten; and gay images of Santa Claus and his reindeer sprayed on the windows; walls brightened by numerous Christmas cards; and, of course, stockings hanging at the fireplace, made for the Christmas air at Quads. The rest of the campus came to see our cottage and we went to see theirs.

There was always something to do during the holidays. We worked in the morning, but not in the afternoon. Skating or basketball was going on all day at the Gym. We did that for the rest of the year! I'd say that is as good way as any to end a year. We boys wish you a Happy New Year!

The Quad Boys
Melvin McKenzie

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